

REMARKS

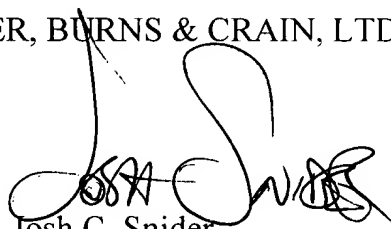
As a preliminary matter, Applicants have amended the Abstract and claims 1, 3, and 5-12 to the present allowed Application. The proposed amendments correct grammatical and/or typographical errors, and place the Application in better form for issuance. As such, the proposed amendments are merely formal in nature, do not introduce new matter, and do not affect the scope of the claims. Therefore, the proposed amendments are permissible under 37 C.F.R. 1.312. Accordingly, approval and entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that further clarification is necessary, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney

Respectfully submitted,

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